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## **ASIRT investigates RCMP officer-involved shooting**

On Sept. 6, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed by the Acting Director of Law Enforcement to investigate the circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting involving a 26-year-old man.

On the same date at approximately 6:15 p.m., RCMP were called to the Whitefish First Nation on a report of a possible disturbance involving a man who was reportedly swinging a weapon. RCMP members responded from the St. Paul RCMP detachment. Shortly before 7:45 p.m., the first officer on scene located a man walking on the side of the road. After exiting his marked police vehicle, he attempted to communicate with the man who was armed with a knife. A confrontation occurred between the man and the lone officer that ended with the officer discharging his police service weapon, striking the man.

The 26-year-old-man was critically injured. The officer and additional officers who arrived on scene shortly after the discharge of the firearm provided emergency medical care until Emergency Medical Services arrived and provided emergency medical treatment. The man was transported to hospital by ambulance but tragically succumbed to his injuries during the transport.

As ASIRT's investigation is in its early stages, no further information will be released at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently, and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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